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GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ISSUES REGULATIONS  
 FOR ALL-CIRCLES DELEGATES ASSEMBLIES

ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES

The following regulations were passed by the fourth session of the Central People's Government Council on 2 December 1949:

Article 1

The convocation of a provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly first must be approved by the concerned provincial people's government and then by the Central People's government.

Article 2

The participating units and the number of delegates of the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly shall be determined by the provincial people's government and the consultative council of the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly. In provinces where consultative councils have not been established, the above functions shall be delegated to the provincial people's government.

Article 3

Delegates to the provincial all-circles people's delegates assemblies must be at least 18 years of age and shall be required to swear that they shall oppose imperialism, feudalism, bureaucracy, and capitalism. With the exception of those who are of unsound mind or who have been denied their civil rights, the right to run for the position of delegate shall not be denied to anyone because of race, class, sex, or creed.

Article 4

The hsien or municipal delegates to the provincial all-circles delegates assembly shall be chosen by the hsien or municipal all-circles people's

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delegates assembly or the municipal consultative council. In cities of hsien where all-circles people's delegates assemblies have not been established, the hsien or municipal people's government shall call a conference of all democratic parties, people's organizations, and other democratic groups to elect the delegates to the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly.

The provincial people's government shall be represented at the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly by the governor, deputy governor, secretary-general, heads of the various offices, and the chief justice. The various parties, popular organizations, government agencies, military units stationed in the province, and government agencies on provincial and special district levels, shall be authorized to send delegates. Delegates from other groups may be invited to the assembly by the provincial people's government after approval of the provincial government and the consultative council of the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly. In provinces where consultative councils have not been established, the power to invite delegates from other groups shall be vested in the provincial people's government.

#### Article 5

The term of office of the delegates of the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly shall be 2 years. A delegate may be reelected. Various parties, organizations, government agencies, military units, and minority groups are authorized to change their delegates with the approval of the consultative council of the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly. The substitution of delegates from other groups invited to attend the assembly must be approved by both the provincial people's government and the consultative council.

#### Article 6

In areas where provincial all-circles people's delegates assemblies can be convened, the assembly shall perform the following functions and duties of the provincial people's delegates assembly:

1. Review and investigate reports submitted by the provincial people's government on its activities.
2. Formulate administrative plans and policies of the province.
3. Investigate and approve the budget of the provincial people's government.
4. Make proposals and decisions on matters pertaining to the improvement of provincial administration.
5. Elect the governor, deputy governor, and councilors, and organize the provincial people's government council.

#### Article 7

The power of invalidating or revising the decisions adopted by the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly shall be reserved to the next higher level of the people's government and the Central People's Government.

#### Article 8

The members of the presidium of the provincial all circles people's delegates assembly shall be elected by the plenary assembly. The presidium

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shall elect a certain number of standing members who will be charged with the responsibility for calling conferences and performing the regular activities of the presidium.

The provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly shall have a presidium, one secretary-general, and a certain number of deputy secretaries, who will be selected by the presidium, subject to the approval of the plenary session of the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly. The secretary-general and deputy secretaries shall be responsible for the daily affairs of the secretariat.

The provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly shall be vested with the authority to establish committees, such as resolutions review, etc.

#### Article 9

During its period of adjournment, the functions of the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly shall be performed by a standing committee. The duties of this committee shall be as follows:

1. Assist the provincial people's government in enforcing the decisions adopted by the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly.
2. Study and submit proposals to the provincial people's government for discussion.
3. Assist the provincial people's government in mobilizing the citizens to support and assist the front-line troops, carry out reform programs, guard against counter-revolutionary activities and participate in reconstruction work.
4. Be responsible for making preparations for the convening of the next all-circles people's delegates assembly.
5. Be responsible for promoting mass support of the war of liberation.

#### Article 10

The chairman of the standing committee shall be responsible for convening and conducting the conferences of the consultative council. The consultative council shall select one chief secretary and a certain number of deputy secretaries to assist the chairman and deputy chairmen in the performance of their duties.

When necessary, various committees may be established by the consultative council. The members of the consultative council and the delegates of the provincial all-circles people's assembly may serve as members of the various committees. The chairmen of these committees shall be appointed by the consultative council.

#### Article 11

The provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly shall convene once a year, the date of the meeting to be determined by the consultative council. The meetings may be convened at an earlier or later date if it is so determined by a one-third vote of the provincial all-circles people's delegates assembly, or the provincial people's government, or if it is recognized as being necessary by the consultative council.

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The provincial consultative council shall convene once every 3 months, but when necessary the meetings may be called at an earlier or a later date.

Article 12

These regulations shall also apply to the all-circles people's delegates assemblies of the regional administrative districts.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF HSIEN AND MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLIES

[In general the regulations governing the municipal and hsien all-circles people's delegates assemblies are similar to those of the provincial level with the following exceptions.]

Article 1

The municipal all-circles people's delegates assemblies shall be called into session by the municipal people's government and the municipal military control commission. In cities where the military control commissions have not been established, the municipal people's government shall be empowered to call the conference. The hsien all-circles people's delegates assembly shall be called by the hsien people's government.

Article 2

The number of delegates to the municipal all-circles people's delegates assemblies shall be based on the population as follows:

1. For cities with a population of 200,000 or more, 200-500 delegates.
2. For cities with a population of 30,000-200,000, 100-200 delegates.

Article 3

The number of delegates to the hsien all-circles people's delegates assemblies shall be based on population as follows:

1. For hsiens with a population of more than 500,000, 300-500 delegates.
2. For hsiens with a population of 200,000-500,000, 200-300 delegates.
3. For hsiens with a population of less than 200,000, 100-200 delegates.

Article 4

The participating units and the number of delegates to the municipal all-circles people's delegates assemblies shall be determined by the military control commission, municipal people's government and consultative council of the municipal all-circles people's delegates assembly. The participating units and the number of delegates to the hsien all-circles people's delegates assemblies shall be determined by the hsien people's government.

Article 5

The term of office of the delegates of the municipal and hsien all-circles people's delegates assemblies shall be one year. They may be reelected.

The hsien and municipal consultative councils of the respective all-circles people's delegates assembly shall convene once every 3 months. But, when necessary, the meetings may be called at an earlier or a later date.

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